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1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY

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MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONFINED TO STATE PERSONNEL.

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3. (U) AF

THIS WEEK IN AF

A/S MOOSE AND OTHERS FROM AF SPENT FRIDAY AT THE AF2000 CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT THE MERIDIN INTERNATIONAL NOUSE IN WASHINGTON. THE CONFERENCE, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY AF/RA AND INR, BROUGHT TOGETHER ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS TO DISCUSS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES THAT MAY CHARACTERIZE THE CONTINENT AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. MANY FOUND IT TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND PROVOCATIVE AND LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS ON REGIONAL ISSUES LATER THIS YEAR.

DURING THE REST OF THE WEEK A/S MOOSE HELD AND ATTENDED MEETINGS ON MANY AFRICA-WIDE ISSUES, FOCUSsing HEAVILY ON SOUTH AFRICA, LIBERIA AND RWANDA.

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RWANDA/BURUNDI

-- UN RETURN TO RWANDA: U.S. EFFORT TO STOP MASSACRE:
THE UNSC APPROVED A RESOLUTION LATE ON MAY 16 TO AUTHORIZE
EXPANSION OF THE UNAMIR FORCES, IN PHASES, UP TO 5,500
TROOPS. THE 179 UNAMIR MILITARY OBSERVERS WHO REMAINED IN
NAIROBI FOLLOWING EVACUATION FROM RWANDA ARE TO RETURN TO
RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THE GHANAIAN BATTALION
CURRENTLY IN RWANDA IS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH
(800 TROOPS). SUBSEQUENT DEPLOYMENTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON
PROGRESS TOWARDS A CEASE-FIRE, AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES,
AND OTHER FACTORS. THE RESOLUTION ALSO IMPOSES AN ARMS
EMBARGO AND CALLS UPON THE SYG TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR
INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE EVENTS IN RWANDA.
FOLLOWING ACTING SECRETARY TALBOTT' MAY 17 DEMARCHE ON
RWANDAN AMB. UWIMANA, THE RWANDAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT PRIME
MINISTER ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ALL THOSE TRAPPED
IN PLACES OF REFUGE BEHIND GOVERNMENT LINES TO BE
EVACUATED WITH UNAMIR ASSISTANCE WITHIN 72 HOURS. O MAY
18, AF A/S MOOSE SPOKE BY PHONE TO RPF COMMANDER KAGAME,

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WHO AGREED TO COOPERATE IN THE EVACUATION. A/S MOOSE TOLD
KAGAME THAT WE WANT A CEASE-FIRE TO FACILITATE THE
EVACUATION AND WARNED KAGAME THAT THE CONTINUING PRE SURE
OF THE RPF TROOPS MOVING SOUTH COULD FUEL FURTHER
MASSACRES AND RISKS DESTABILIZING BURUNDI. HE ADDED THAT
WE WERE HEARING INCREASING REPORTS OF RPF ATROCITIES AND
NOTED THAT AS THE RPF CONTINUED TO TAKE MORE TERRITORY THE
RISK OF A BREAKDOWN IN DISCIPLINE ONLY INCREASED.

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RWANDA BRIEFINGS - R/P, OFDA, IO, DOD AND AF
REPRESENTATIVES BRIEF HFAC AND SFRC STAFF AND
CONGRESSWOMAN CLAYTON NEXT WEEK. AMBASSADOR RAWSON BRIEFS
SFRC STAFF ON MAY 23 ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO AFRICA.

RWANDA STATEMENT - HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHNSTON
ISSUED A STATEMENT ON MAY 17.

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